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Big snow fun

The second year of Frost Fest was another thrill for the kids (and parents). See a full page of photos on page 14.

HIGHLANDS EAST

No fire halls to close: council

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

In an effort to keep campaign promises, councillors discussed the importance of keeping each fire hall within the municipality open during fire chief Bill Wingrove's presentation to Highlands East council Feb. 9. Discussions swirled around the stations and the repairs each would need. Wingrove told councillors he had included repair costs in his

budget, which has yet to be approved. Amalgamating the halls was also brought up. "It's not that we're amalgamating the halls," explained Wingrove, "it's that we're amalgamating the response teams."

"Well let's call a spade a spade," said Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie, "because that's not exactly what was said before. There was talk about closing a hall and then building another one there and spending a million bucks."

"If we get back to basics," said Coun-

cillor Gary Stoughton, "we ran on a campaign to keep the fire halls open. Let's live up to our word for once."

Mackie raised the point that a number of individuals would be looking at an increase in their fire insurance if halls were amalgamated or closed. "It does not make sense to close a fire hall," said Mackie. "I think the feeling I've heard around the table is that the halls are staying," said Reeve Dave Burton. Council approved plans for Wingrove to begin repairs on the fire halls.

MARKETING REGIONS

County fought tourism divide

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Staff reporter

The unpopular fracturing of Haliburton County by the province's tourism ministry wasn't for a lack of lobbying, local politicians said at a committee meeting Feb. 10.

The announcement, which was made on Dec. 18, 2009 by the province's Minister of Tourism Monique Smith, revealed the formation of 13 new tourism regions and regional tourism organizations (RTO).

The county of Haliburton was split between regions 11 and 12, with Algonquin Highlands placed in the Muskoka region and the rest of the county being placed with the Ottawa Valley.

In the weeks and months following the announcement both local politicians and business owners have expressed feelings

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The Haliburton Business

Improvement Area (BIA) elected seven new officers

to its organization at its annual general meeting on Feb. 8. They are from left, Bob Park, president; Jim Frost, administrator;

Andrea Roberts; Luke Schell, vice-president; Janet Sheehey, treasurer; Melinda O'Mara; Nelly Ashworth and

Ray Langdon. /Photos by

Angelica Blenich

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

New board elected for BIA

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Despite a poor showing from the community, Haliburton BIA president Bob Park didn't let the numbers at the organization's annual general meeting distract him from his job at hand.

"I'm very disappointed with the turnout tonight," said Park as he looked around the room at the few faces present.

The meeting on Feb. 8 at the Dysart library was open to all members of the community with the aim of continuing to improve the business area of Haliburton village.

Members of the BIA suggested perhaps the turnout and lack of support could be viewed as a good thing.

"Sometimes when things are going well people don't



come out," said Janet Sheehey, BIA treasurer.

"Maybe that's what happened," laughed Park, "we haven't pissed anyone off."

The evening included guest speaker Judy Coward, an economic development consultant for the ministry of agriculture and rural affairs. Coward reminded the group of what a privilege it is to work and live in Haliburton County.

"You know I just have to say before I begin that it was such a pleasure to drive into Haliburton at night this time," said Coward. "It's been a long time since I came up here when it was dark and I really enjoyed seeing your snowflakes all lit up on the main street. What a nice winter feature for the community."

Coward consulted the BIA on a number of topics, including introducing a number of online resources at the organization's disposal, as well as the idea of

expanding the current geographical region the BIA encompasses and introducing more partnerships.

The meeting rounded off with a report from Sheehey discussing the BIA's operating budget for 2010, followed by the election of officers for the upcoming year. Despite a limited number of candidates to choose from, seven individuals allowed their name to be up for reelection. After all the individuals were officially elected, Park addressed the group with heartfelt sincerity.

"I've enjoyed being chair immensely," said Park. "I think we've done some great things with this organization and I think that will continue to be the case."

In a separate meeting following the AGM, Park agreed to hold the position of BIA chair for another year. Other continued positions include Luke Schell as vice-chair, Janet Sheehey as treasurer and Jim Frost as administrator.

FINES

Wilberforce man fined \$2,000 for illegal deer hunting

MNRBRIEFS

A Wilberforce man has been fined \$2,000 for shooting at a deer from the edge of a public road.

Sherwood Townsend pleaded guilty to trespassing to hunt and discharging a firearm on a road right-of-way contrary to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. He was fined \$1,000 for each offence.

Court was told that on Nov. 2, 2009, Townsend was a passenger in a vehicle travelling on the Essonville Line Road, east of Haliburton, when he observed a deer next to the road. Townsend got out of the vehicle and, from the shoulder of the road, fired his rifle at the deer. Court also heard the deer was standing on private property when Townsend shot at it.

\$11,000 in fines for illegally shot cow moose

Four men from Southeastern Ontario have been fined a total of \$11,000 for illegally shooting and possessing a cow moose near Gooderham.

Wayne Carr of Trenton was convicted of unlawfully hunting a cow moose and possession of illegally killed wildlife. He was fined \$5,000. His rifle was seized and will be returned upon payment of his fines.

Shiloh Ferguson, of Belleville, and Jack Morrison Jr. and Glen Ferrill, both of Frankford, were each fined \$2,000 for possessing wildlife unlawfully killed.

The court heard that the four men were party hunting for moose in the former Glamorgan township in Highlands East. On Oct. 20, 2009, the second day of the moose season, Carr shot and killed an adult cow moose. All four men were involved in getting the animal out of the bush, and were later stopped by a Minden area conservation officer on their return trip home.

The men were each licensed to harvest a calf moose; they did not possess an adult cow moose tag. The cow moose was later identified as being two-and-a-half years old. A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can

also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS

Smoke alarm warns of chimney fire

The Dysart Fire Department responded to a chimney fire on Jim Beef Road at 8:01 p.m. on Feb. 14. On arrival the fire was contained to the chimney and was quickly extinguished. A working smoke alarm had given the occupants of the apartment early warning and they were able to get themselves out. No damage to the residence occurred.







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STUDENT OLYMPICS

Winter games

Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School celebrated the opening of the Olympic winter games on Friday, Feb. 12 by hosting their own version of the international sporting event.

The children enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor activities such as hockey, tobog-

ganing and relay races on a brisk but gloriously sunny day. To cap the day off, the kids popped back into the school to reenergize at the "rest stop," which included hot chocolate and a giant cookie. One child was overheard exclaiming, "this is the best day of my life."



This enthusiastic goalie takes his eye off of the puck to smile for the camera.



This rosey-cheeked boy enjoyed sledding on his crazy carpet.



Students enjoyed the slippery slopes as they spent the afternoon tobogganing down the hills. /Photos by Angelica Blenich



Students and kids alike were huddled under the parachute tent, which was used to display the colours of the Olympic rings.

HIGHLANDS EAST

Library, fire halls, Internet, hot topics in Highland Grove

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

In preparation for this year's upcoming election, councillors of Highlands East gave residents a chance to express their concerns at a public forum held on Feb. 11 at the Highland Grove community centre.

The meeting, which was attended by Reeve Dave Burton along with Deputyreeve Jim Mackie and councillors Gary Stoughton and Suzanne Partridge, covered a variety of topics and issues such as fire halls, libraries and high-speed Internet.

Many of the residents in attendance asked about the fire halls in the municipality. Burton told residents that council was working towards keeping the halls open and doing the necessary repairs.

Concerns about volunteer firefighter recruitment were also brought up, specifically regarding the lack of financial support the volunteers receive. Those in attendance told the Reeve that costs such as mileage make it difficult for locals to sign up and volunteer.

Burton then moved onto the topic of high-speed Internet.

"It is coming," he said, "eventually."

One person in the room mentioned she would be dead before it made it's way to the municipality.

"Maybe my kids will get to use it," she scoffed.

Another question was the idea of moving the second council meeting of every month around the municipality and hosting them at night, making them more accessible to the public.

The argument made was that this would let the public be more involved with municipal decisions. They also requested that more public forums, such as the one that evening be held in the future.

"Well we have tried this before," said Burton in reference to the idea of hosting the council meetings throughout the municipality. "In the past though we've had an issue with getting staff to attend."

Burton mentioned the fact that taxes have remained relatively stagnant over the past three years within the municipality, something the council has worked hard to achieve. Those in attendance agreed this was something worth clapping about.

Concern over the libraries in the munici-

pality was also raised. It was mentioned that the library adjacent to the community centre in Highland Grove had long been experiencing technical difficulties with its computers.

"You know over in Haliburton and Minden they have these bright shining new libraries," said a concerned individual. "But here at Highland Grove the librarian is always fiddling around with her computer because the connection isn't good. Sometimes she looks like a rodent because she's under her desk trying to get it to work."

Council agreed this was something that needed to be looked after and would do so

Burton wrapped up the meeting by thanking those in attendance for bringing their concerns and questions.

WILDLIFE

Wolf sightings in Haliburton up, logger worried

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Residents of Dysart are coming face to face with a looming spectre of an increasingly visible presence of wolves in the area.

At last Monday's meeting of Dysart council Reeve Murray Fearrey reported that he was receiving an unusually large number of incoming calls from residents regarding what appears to be an upswing in wolf sightings including a growing list of unsavoury interactions with the predators.

"I'm getting concerned citizen calls regarding the visibility of wolves in the area," says Fearrey. "People are saying that the wolves are showing no fear of humans and I think it's very unusual for the wolf population coming so close to people and cottage areas."

Fearrey added that Councillor Dan Kay had reported an incident of a wolf in his own backyard. "I think the MNR [Ministry of Natural Resources] needs to realize that they are wild animals and I think we need someone to look at the policies we have," said Fearrey. "They're being seen on the roads and in logging areas and there seems to be an issue here . . . people who have been working in the bush all their lives have been coming into contact with wolves and they are scared.

"They are in people's yards here trying to kill their dogs and they are not as afraid of people as they once were."

One of those residents who called Fearrey is long-time logger and Haliburton resident Keith Hodgson. Hodgson says that he has contacted both the MNR and council to express concerns about his personal safety and the safety of loggers working with him in the bush close

to Fort Irwin. He says that wolves in the Haliburton Lake, Fort Irwin and Percy Lake areas have been especially aggressive this year.

Hodgson says that he's been working in the bush as a logger for nearly three decades and wolves have become bolder over the last four to five years especially.

He says that there have been several incidents where deer have literally been chased by wolves into the middle of his logging operation near Fort Irwin. He says that right after chasing deer into the clearing the wolves have not stopped. On several occasions wolves have actually challenged his co-workers. He says workers have had to brandish chainsaws to keep the wolves at bay.

"Last Friday I was working with two guys and one guy was bent over top of a tree and a deer almost ran him over," says Hodgson. "The other guy was on the skidder and looked over and saw a 90-pound wolf and it stopped about 40 feet away," says Hodgson. "They both ran at the wolf and it sauntered away but came back shortly after and approached them and started howling at them for 10 minutes. That's not normal.

"Why we're raising a little bit of s--t here [contacting Dysart council and the MNR] is because people are going to get hurt here." Hodgson adds that some residents of Fort Irwin are becoming increasingly wary about walking their dogs or participating in outdoor activity.

"You watch a little old lady go walking her schnauzer near her home and just over the hill from where her cottage is, four wolves have knocked a deer down and are eating it," says Hodgson, describing another recent incident. "And if that dog and little old lady go walking up the hill and come face to face with those wolves, what's going to happen?"



An increase in wolf sightings has got Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey concerned.

Local logger Keith Hodgson adds that wolves seem more brazen than in the past.

File photo

Most expert sources on wolves in Ontario agree that it is very rare for a wolf to attack a human. In most cases of attacks the wolves involved are rabid or are provoked by humans.

Still, Fearrey says that he is taking reports from residents very seriously. "I think that if council agrees, that I would start by contacting MNR, because we might need direction here ... I don't think these are isolated cases. We should contact [the MNR] and see if there is anyone who can come and talk to council."

Ironically, all area MNR specialists were at a wolf and coyote conference in Peterborough last week.

Sam Itani, the area supervisor for the MNR in the Minden area, says that residents are advised to call in and report all pertinent and unusual wolf and coyote sightings especially if they are concerned about their safety.

She adds that, "If there is a public safety concern, call the police at 911. All persons have a right to protect themselves if personal safety is being threatened."

Itani says that it's hard to ascertain whether wolf sightings are up, because the MNR does not conduct formal population studies.

"Anecdotal reports from hunters [such as local hunt camp surveys and the provincial post card survey], trappers and the general public suggest that wolf and coyote populations are abundant," says Itani.

She adds that if people have imminent safety concerns their first call should be to 911.

"We want people to know that they should also call the local MNR office in Minden so ministry staff can ensure the information is documented," says Itani.

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Canada Post implementing civic addressing

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The following is a list of briefs from the Feb. 8 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Canada Post notified Dysart et al council of its intention to convert all mailings in Dysart et al to its new standard based on civic address information, or 911 number. The new system will phase out rural routes and where applicable may also include a change of postal code.

All new addresses will take effect on Aug. 16, 2010. Council says that residents will be made aware that bills will be based on Canada Post's address changes, and that the onus will be on residents to complete the changes to their address in order to receive their tax bills.

Salaries frozen for upcoming year

Council has agreed to decline the annual salary increase for the upcoming year. Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said at a January meeting of council that be-

should ignore a bylaw calling for a salary increase and retain their current remuneration.

Salaries will be frozen at the 2009 rates, marking the second straight year that Dysart has declined the yearly remuneration increase. Reeve Murray Fearrey currently receives \$24,400 per annum. Davis is paid \$15,400, while councillors Andrea Roberts, Derek Knowles, Steve Pogue and Janis Parker receive \$13,800 per annum. Councillor Dan Kay receives a \$13,225 per annum stipend.

Fire report

The Dysart et al volunteer fire department responded to a number of fires over the last four weeks.

In January the emergency response units responded to a fire at a laundromat and two chimney fires. Just last week the department was called to two structure fires and an automobile fire.

Fire chief Myles Maughan was named as the ambassador of the Frost Festival last weekend.

West Guilford dump accepting building materials

A site study gave a green light for the dumping of building materials at the West Guilford landfill. Andrew Buzza, project manager for Jp2g Consultants answered a request by Dysart council to ascertain if the municipality could dispose of regular building materials at the West Guilford waste disposal area.

Buzza wrote that the West Guilford site - under current definitions - does allow for the disposal of "domestic waste, wastepaper and cardboard, glassware, bottles, and cans, grass cuttings, sawdust and shavings, lumber and building construction waste and plaster or masonry refuse

Better economic development

communications promised

Bob Smith, the county's director of economic development, told council that his department would be striving to improve communication with the lowertier councils.

In the space of a 20-minute presentation, Smith outlined the three cornerstones of retention, attraction and expansion. He told council that his department is dedicated to increasing the area's public tourism profile through ads, and says that they intend to continue to pursue business integration and expansion through partnership with Ontario business groups.

In a letter to council Smith said that in order to foster ongoing communication with council he would make a commitment to attend monthly council meetings to provide business and tourism updates for the duration of 2010.

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Olympics magic

THE OLYMPICS is an undeniably uniting force. No matter what you think of Canada most of the year - whether you're frustrated at prorogued Parliament, skeptical of environmental policies or ambivalent on the war - it's nearly impossible not to be thrilled at Canada's first gold medal on home soil.

It's an odd phenomenon; hordes of newly nationalistic couch surfers bouncing up and down on our bums, watching Alexandre Bilodeau, a 23-year-old Quebecker none of us has met, ski the run of his lifetime.

And as Bolodeau steps onto the podium, at the very top, we all collectively feel the weight of tears in our eyes, or at



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least that swelling in our chests, that is usually reserved for proud moments in our own lives, with people we know and things we've done.

And yet somehow, this young man with choppy English and a goofy mouth guard brings us all together and we know that he and we belong to the same team and that team did good.

Surely there are sociologists and psychologists who have theories

on this occurrence – on how a few people sprinkled across large swaths of land can feel so close so suddenly.

But technical explanations don't matter.

The thrill of the Olympics is that magical feeling when we're all one. It doesn't need to be understood, just appreciated.

Not a fairy tale

Every couple of years the topic of wolves and/or coyotes comes up in any rural Ontario town.

Someone will see a wolf/covote in his yard, or on the road, or in the bush. Perhaps a child or a small animal is present. The animal, with large teeth, strong muscles and hungry eyes, stares down the human gathering. Sometimes the wolf isn't even scared by human advances.

Almost always, the humans are frightened by the experience; they believe that they, or a loved one, will be attacked or

And people have been attacked and killed by wolves.

People have been attacked by many animals, actually, but in the case of wolves, attacks on humans are very rare.

It is important that we remain vigilant when living so close to wildlife, but we should not become frightened of it.

Fear leads to irrational behaviour – actions that we may regret.

We should report strange wolf sightings and we should be careful when alone in the woods, but we must be thoughtful and calm before intervening any further.



SBES Olympic rings

Photo by Angelica Blenich

Five ring fever

F YOU'RE ANYTHING like me, every four years you're struck with the same curious affliction: five ring fever. The condition is actually worse this year than in the recent past simply because the source of the airborne virus is centreed somewhere over Canada, near the West coast scientists tell us.

Doctors say it's a rather strange disease that, at present, has no cure. Symptoms include a sudden addiction to television-watching, severe national fervour and a lot of unexplained hallucinating.

The hallucinations come in the form of some very weird spectacles sufferers claim to have witnessed. Not the kind of hallucinations we're used to but other vividly strange ones. Sadly, many sufferers become wildly obsessed with these weird hallucinations to the point of trying convince others of what

they may (or may not) have seen and pleading with them to investigate the hallucinations for themselves. Some admit to the insatiable urge to cheer wildly while watching these delusions.

One guy described to me a competition in which he saw a number of very fit people decked out in tight spandex cross-country skiing the B.C. countryside. Especially odd was the fact these very fit spandex people would occasionally drop to the ground spontaneously, whip out a rifle and start firing randomly at targets

ingeniously hidden in the hillside. I asked him whether these people ever fired at each other and he said no. Some competition.

Another woman told me about a "sport" in which see saw riders set out down a large hill riding in a number of different vehicles and utilizing a number of different body positions.

Some went down in pairs; some in groups of fours; some went down headfirst while others chose to travel feet first.

"That's called tobogganing," I

"No, I think they called it skeleton or luge," she said curiously, obviously suffering quite badly from this mysterious fever.

Although I'm a little embarrassed to admit it, I too have had a few of these absurd moments. I distinctly recall seeing people chasing each other around this big

oval ice rink for a reason I have yet to figure out. And the bells. What's with all the bell ringing?

And I do recall that everyone in these odd dreams seems to be wearing different things on their feet. Some have thick boards, some have thin boards, others wear blades.

I occasionally turn off the television to clear my head but soon find it back on. I worry about my long term health but doctors say the condition usually subsides after about 17 days. I sure hope so.



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VERY NOW AND THEN I believe a person should step out of his or her comfort zone and experience things that they normally wouldn't. That's why I had that book in my hand. "Hey, that's a fairly intimidating title," my wife said, as she took note.

Not wanting to make a big deal of it, I merely raised the book up towards the heavens into the soft lamplight so that its title *God's Equation: Einstein, Relativity, and the Expanding Universe* glistened for all to see.

"This little thing," I declared. "I guess it's mentally stimulating." Mentally stimulating?" she asked.

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"I suppose. It's about Euclidian geometry, supernovae, black holes, Galileo's theories, Newton's laws of physics and how Albert Einstein used the Lorentz Transformation and Minkowski's mathematics regarding time-space continuums to help him derive his special theory of relativity. It's a light read."

Sensing the onset of a truly boring, convoluted and one-sided conversation, Carol quickly hightailed it out of the room.

"It says space is non-Euclidian," I chuckled aloud. "So tell me some-

thing I didn't know." And then, after I confirmed that she was long gone, I put down the book and began to make fart noises with my armpit.

Between you and me, this simple, immature and manly act is ample proof that I have a beautiful mind. You see, I happen to know several people who would have actually read, understood and retained the contents of that book. Luckily, I'm not one of them.

Actually, comprehension of such a book is a grave misuse of time and anyone who attempts this is obviously missing the point. Anyone, after all, can understand an advanced, complex scientific theory, given the right education, IQ and interest, but it takes real genius to glean that there are other far better uses for such a book.

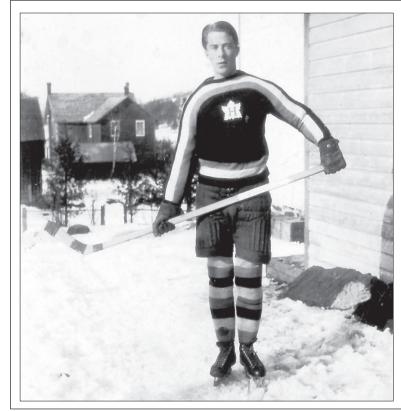
Helping a person acquire a little me-time is the primary use – as I so ably illustrated in the above example. Less obvious is the fact that this very same book can be used as a coaster for hot drinks, a table leveler or a tool for repelling conversations about your feelings, which, as we all know, inevitably lead to immoral acts such as shoveling the driveway or splitting wood.

But it's not as easy as it might appear. There's an art to having a book like this in your possession. For maximum benefit, you need to leave it on your desk or in other places where visitors have no choice but to notice it. It needs to be out there.

The effects of this are immediate. For instance, last week a UPS guy dropped off a package for me and, in the process, noticed that book – perhaps because I was casually waved it in front of his face. Shortly, thereafter, he asked me to sign my name rather than mark his electronic pad with an X, as he usually suggests. Heck, even my wife has been treating me differently. Last night at dinner she let me use sharp implements.

The moral to this is that every now and then it's probably good to acquire a book that makes you think – even if it just makes you think about how you are going to use it to fake having a higher IQ than you actually have.

Yes, that book is educational, interesting, and designed to inspire. But let's get real. Knowing the special theory of relativity isn't going to do me much good when I'm talking to my ice fishing buddies. They're far more interested in the ancient Greek philosophers...



pic of the past

Te came across this old photo of this hockey star. If anyone knows who he is, drop by the *Echo* office or give

letters to the editor

Don't insult our intelligence

To the Editor,

What's that? Former MPP Laurie Scott to run again. Well, the way she left the riding didn't sit well with me. I don't know if she had pressure put upon her by John Tory or others higher up in the Conservative party before the last election, but she made her choice. Had she run, the Conservative party wouldn't have lost this seat.

The fact that the Conservative party thought that they could run anyone here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and win was an insult to our intelligence. They were wrong. I wish Laurie well, but I know that I will have a hard time voting for her again.

Ray Baker Haliburton

Be careful in wolf country

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter because of the fear I have that something terrible is about to happen.

This letter is to warn people to be more alert and cautious when out and about doing your activities.

Please be diligent in watching all children in our neighbourhoods, at school bus stops, schoolyards and at home at play.

There was an article in *Ontario Out of Doors* latest issue about a couple and their dog ice fishing, when they were attacked by a large lone black wolf in the middle of a large lake in the middle of the day. The husband was able to beat it off with an ice chisel, but these older people were severely traumatized and feared for their lives.

The same is happening here in our neighbourhood. These wolves have even taken to chasing and confronting people on snowmobiles, one on Haliburton Lake and one on Drag Lake during the day.

The local loggers who are doing one of the most dangerous jobs out there, whose total focus should be on the safe practices of their profession are now working in dangerous woods.

During the last four years my spouse and the family men he works with have had too many dangerous confrontations with wolves. Deer are using men and machinery as safety outlets to get away from the wolves, putting the loggers between them and the wolves. Some people will say this is natural. Wolves live off deer. So why hasn't this happened before? Why would three wolves (maybe more) surround the logger after falling a large tree to the ground, within 10-30 feet away and yelling and revving his chainsaw, eventually they mosey away? Whey do they return 10 minutes later to the logger and sit there howling and barking at them?

This is clearly a public warning for people to be careful. I pray its not a child or older person, someone who cannot defend themselves who gets attacked.

Clearly we need our politicians to be aware and make some changes.

Kim Roberts Haliburton

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Love letters that stand the test of time

CAROL MOFFATT

Special to the Echo

So one day Martha Perkins said to me, "I have some letters I should give you"

That simple comment spawned a mystery that started in a Haliburton landfill in 1992, drew together an unconnected series of people from Belleville, West Guilford, Stanhope and Amherstburg, and finally came home to roost in the Highlands.

The letters to which Martha referred had been lurking about her desk drawer at the Echo office for 16 years. The letters, it seems, had been retrieved from a Haliburton landfill in the summer of 1992 by a cottager named Bill Short who lived in Belleville. He picked them up because of the King George three-cent stamps. After returning from the winter in Florida, he looked through the letters and wrote to Martha about them.

"They make the most fascinating reading in that they are love letters [and] the young man Carl writes to his beloved Dinty Dickson ..." wrote Short.

In his letter, Short explained the content of the love letters, writing "they are of the simplest kind but express the deepest love. They are all leading to a hoped-for marriage on September 3, 1934."

April 4 1934 -Darling it seems so long since I've seen you I really don't know how I will be able to stand it very much longer. I keep thinking how I would love to hold you in my arms and collect some of those kisses. Oh, how I love you.

The letters were written from Windsor-area towns and were heartfelt chats about daily life. They made reference to Uncle Jim, aunts Alma and Olive, working at GM, harvesting tomatoes, losing his job, struggling for work, and making 62 cents an hour. Most of all, they declared Carl's love for Dinty and his hopes for their impending marriage.

Short concludes his letter with the promise of delivering the letters to Martha, which he did in 1993. In an effort to unravel the mystery and make a local connection, Martha took the letters to West Guilford author and historian Nila Reynolds. Reynolds enjoyed the letters but made no headway in determining the identity of Carl and Dinty.

"I'm just dying to find out who it is so I can see if he kept these promises," Reynolds told Martha in 1993.



Carl and Gertrude, better known as Dinty, pictured on their wedding day. /Photo Submitted

The letters were put in a drawer for safekeeping and there they sat – for 16 years. When Martha asked me several months ago if I would try to find a home for the letters, I agreed.

April 18 1934: Darling I want so much to be able to give you all the comforts you deserve and make life as comfortable and happy as possible. I do love you so, only you, if only this job would hurry. Dearest one night as I was kissing you goodnight I prayed, really prayed, that this would come about. I prayed that you and I would always love each other and that I could make you happy.

The letters were interesting but there was no local reference, so I put them on a shelf in my office at home, not sure what to do with them. It nagged at me though, since I'm continually encouraging people to understand the significance of old paper, and to call their local museum before

throwing things out. "I'll find it a home ..." I always tell people.

So I decided to make an effort to find out who Carl and Dinty were, and it turns out my role was the most minor.

April 28, 1934: We have four more months yet to go before Sept. 3rd it will seem like 4 years to me. Oh if I could have you down here now and we were living in our little home things would be perfect. How I would love to come home to you Darling. Gee I'm so lonesome for you only you Dear.

I decided to post a query to the message boards on Ancestry.ca, a world-wide genealogy website. I Googled Walkerville, where Carl lived, and found it was near Windsor, so posted the query to the Essex County message board. The query named Dinty Dickson and Carl (Unknown). It provided a few details about the contents of the letters, named the street, the aunts and a few local towns. The letters were offered for free to the best relative match of Dinty or Carl.

May 12 1934: Dearest when I get your letters I have little thrills and big ones come all over me. You know how I feel don't you dear? I'm counting the days when you and I can be together always, won't that be Heavenly?

There are hundreds of message boards and thousands of queries on Ancestry.ca, so sometimes questions can sit unanswered for many months. I was stunned to receive a response within 48 hours.

The email reply was from Jennifer MacLeod, the resource manager at a history/genealogy centre in Amherstburg, Ont. in Essex County called The Marsh Historical Collection. She thought she found out who Carl and Dinty were and, better yet, that relatives were still around.

"Our administrator forwarded your posting to me yesterday morning, for no real reason other than she thought it sounded interesting," wrote Jennifer.

In what can only be described as either dedication or obsession (or both if you're interested in genealogy), Jennifer undertook an impressive and detailed search that started with using the 1934 Windsor city directory to look up the address from which the letters were written. She found the home owned by a family of a different name but thankfully the query on Ancestry.ca had mentioned Aunt Alma and Aunt Olive, because they were the key.

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'Darling please believe you mean everything to me'

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Jennifer then slowly cross-referenced married names, aunts and uncles, obituaries that named pallbearers, birth registrations, and census info to find out that our mystery man was Carl Kennedy.

The Marsh Collection has access to the Amherstburg Echo (another coincidence) but had received funding just last year to access the Windsor Star online obituaries and it was those records that told Jennifer that Carl had died in 1989. But luckily – as this story would have it – last spring the Marsh Collection was given a huge collection of Windsor Star obituaries that a local woman had been clipping and saving from 1976 to 2008. Jennifer looked up Carl's obituary and there it was – his wife had died in 1986 and her name was Gertrude Dinty. Bingo.

May 20, 1934: Gee Darling, anything like clothes and cars, things that are just made by man never did make my heart turn any flip flops. But Love, Affection, Devotion and the loveliest girl in the world to me really has the power to do anything to me. Oh Darling, how I love you. You are first, last and always.

Jennifer learned from the obituary that Carl and Dinty had three children who were spread out over Halifax, Bracebridge and Toronto. Jennifer asked around Amherstburg to find out that the child in Toronto was a musician named Vern Kennedy.

Jennifer Googled Vern and found the website of the music company he works for and sent them an email asking for a message to be passed on. Vern contacted her, and he was overwhelmed by the news. He had no idea his parents had ever corresponded by mail or that any letters even existed.

May 29 1934: You Dearest girl I'm sure we will get along wonderful as far as love and devotion. But the working part does worry me a little. You know the old saying poverty comes in the door and love goes out the window. I'm sure we will be made of better stuff than that. Really dearest, I promise to always do my very best for you if I get 1/2 a chance.

Years after their wedding day Carl and Dinty, pictured, were still very much in love. /Photo Submitted

It turns out that Dinty, whose real name was Gertrude, was born and raised on a small farm outside of Bracebridge.

Carl was from Amherstburg but met Dinty when his family briefly lived near Bracebridge. They courted, married and lived what most would call a regular – and very happy – life. When Dinty passed away in 1986 Carl didn't want to stay alone in his and Dinty's house in Amherstburg so he often visited his sister in Bracebridge.

June 12 1934: Darling I have been praying every night for steady work and that our love would always last and grow stronger as time goes by. Dearest how will you feel when our wedding comes? ... I know I will feel like I own the whole world.

Two years later, they happened to take a drive and ended up in the village of Haliburton where Carl spotted a house for sale, and practically bought it on the spot. Carl moved into his new home on Victoria Street and fell in love with Haliburton.

"We moved him there in mid September and he immediately adopted, and was adopted by, the town. He ate at the Kosy every day, attended the United Church, and he loved it in Haliburton," said Vern.

Sadly, cancer had returned to Carl's life and he only had a few happy months in his new home before passing away in 1989. Now here is where yet another remarkable twist enters the story. A few years after Carl died, Vern and his wife Harriet went looking "up north" for a cottage – and ended up with a timeshare on Kashagawigamog.

August 2 1934: I have been so worried about working conditions and trying to figure out how I could make things come out as we have planned I have been going around nearly crazy. Oh Lord how I love you. Darling please believe me you mean everything to me. Without your love I'm absolutely finished.

The 31 letters, plus the original letter from Bill Short and Martha's interview notes with Nila Reynolds, were given to Vern Kennedy on Thanksgiving weekend. An introductory handshake between strangers quickly became a hug between new friends. With tears in his eyes he was hard pressed to say much more than "thank you" and "I can't believe it."

Vern never thought of his father as eloquent or a writer, so was looking forward to reading the letters and discovering a side of his Dad he never knew.

Vern is reflective about the timing and coincidences that make up this story.

"The generation today will never have a treasure like these [letters] because their world is all about computers and email. The paradox is that without computers and email I never would have gotten these letters at all," he said.

He's also intrigued at the Haliburton connection, and still can't figure out how the letters got into the landfill four years after his dad passed away since he was the one to clean out his father's house and never saw any letters.

"Haliburton has come to be the focal point of this amazing story. We were introduced to Haliburton by Dad moving here and now, years later, this is where we come to find peace and now where we've found such an incredible connection," he said.

And so we find a happy ending to our landfill love letters. Martha said that author Nila Reynolds had a real affection for Dinty. In their 1993 interview, Nila said, "I'd just love to be assured that the love lasted because love should last. To me there's only one story worth reading and that's a love story. A life without any love in it isn't worth reading about."

Carl and Dinty's love lasted more than 50 years and according to Vern their marriage was an example to everyone.

Be assured, Nila, this is definitely a love story.



Students show 100 cans can make a difference

Haliburton elementary school celebrates 100 days of school with community food drive

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Even for those who have been out of the classroom for a while, it doesn't take much to remember what 100 days of school feels like. For many, it equals countless hours spent at a desk, long nights filled with homework and numerous tough math tests to endure.

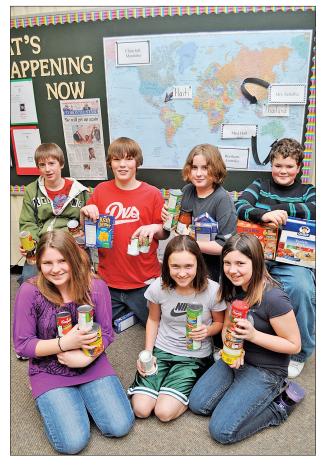
For the kids at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, 100 days of school equals an opportunity to support and show their love for the community.

JDHES is just one of a number of school board schools that are collecting items for their local food bank. The project, titled "100 cans of caring," is about more than setting a lofty goal for the children to strive towards.

"The name of the project is about trying to get the children to bring in 100 non-perishable food items," says Traci Hubbert, principal of JDHES. "We want to show the kids that 100 cans can make a difference."

The project, which was started a few weeks ago by Grade 7 teacher Laurie Bowker to tie in with the 100th day of the school year, has already surpassed the original goal, with students now aiming for a more challenging task.

"In total we already have more than 100 items," says



Hubbert, "so now each grade is being challenged to supply its own 100 items."

"The possibilities are endless," says Larry Hope, director of education for the board.

A graph depicting each grade's progress can be found on display in the hallway of the school. The initiative, which is scheduled to wrap-up next week, has almost been completed.

"Not every grade has reached 100 just yet," says Hubbert, "but we're pretty close."

Despite the temptation to bask in the glory of reaching such impressive numbers, the participants realize there's more to it than that.

"Students are learning the importance of helping their neighbours," says Hubbert.

Students and staff won't have to wait for long before they see first-hand the effect their contribution will have.

"This Thursday we will be presenting all of our items to Wayne Cox of the 4Cs at a school-wide assembly," explains Hubbert. "This event will be a great demonstration of the community partnership that has been formed as a result of this food drive."

Students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton have their arms filled with non-perishable items, collected by the entire student body to tie in with the celebration of the 100th day of the school year. From left, back row, Jacob Sisson, Spencer Trueman, Ryot Munshaw and Spencer Devolin. Front row, Alexis Granger, Hannah Klose and Mikayla Stinson. /Photo Angelica Blenich

Council sticks to \$500 fee for farmers' market

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The Haliburton farmers' market is still looking for a summer home.

And they're also looking for Dysart council to waive a \$500 transient trader bylaw fee that council wants to impose on the market for non-produce vendors who sell wares at the market.

Two board members representing the Haliburton Farmers' Market Association (HFMA), Angel Taylor and Bob Smith appeared at council Feb. 8 to answer a letter dated September 2009, from Dysart to the farmers' market manager asking that the market conform to the specifics of the municipality's transient trader bylaw.

The bylaw is in place to protect local taxpaying and employment-generating businesses from fly-by-night ventures that set up for a week or a day and then leave.

The license costs \$100 for a one-time sale event, or \$500 for an annual permit.

The license is not required by the produce sellers who offer locally grown produce. However the municipality did say that secondary sellers of jewelry and items such as soap, which were offered for sale at last year's market, are subject to the transient trader bylaw.

In the same letter to the HFMA, Dysart offered the

farmers' market a deal that would allow the market to purchase one annual \$500 license that would cover all of the non-produce vendors for the entire 2010 market season.

Smith said he appreciated the gesture, but told council that only a small percentage of the 34 vendors involved in the first annual Haliburton farmers' market – which was located on County Road 21 across from the Beer Store Plaza on land owned by Roberts Marina – fell under the transient trader bylaw definition.

In a letter to council penned by Taylor, the HFMA said that even the one-time \$500 license would present onerous financial problems. "Requiring a licensing fee . . . damages the chance our fledgling market has to be financially sustainable," wrote Taylor.

The letter also specified that the board has talked with other artisans who told the HFMA that they had never been required to purchase a transient trader license.

"We are puzzled as to why the vendors in our farmers' market are subject to this bylaw," reads the letter.

Smith asked council if they would provide the HFMA with additional consideration and support as they prepared for their second year of operation. "I would like to make a proposal that you waive the fee for the coming year," said Smith.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that council had sent the letter acting on input and concerns emanating from residents. "The transient traders bylaw was brought in

to protect business people who pay taxes and employ people all year round," said Fearrey.

Taylor and Smith both provided council with input indicating that none of the 165 farmers' markets in Ontario was charged transient licensing fees. They also said that of the 34 vendors involved in the first annual Haliburton market, 30 of those were from Haliburton County.

Fearrey said that he remained tremendously supportive of the farmers' market, but said that couldn't prevent him from acting on complaints from residents and business owners. To that end, he asked if Smith and Taylor could come back to council with the HFMA policy regarding the non-produce vendors participating in the market.

Smith also told council that the farmers' market would have to wait at least another month before finding out if the old location at Roberts Marina would be available. He said that this would put tremendous pressure on their sales strategy and planning for the upcoming market and said that the HFMA were still actively pursuing an alternate location, preferably one closer to the downtown core.

Fearrey told council that a solution to the site deficit may be at hand.

"I have been talking to someone and I think I've found one [a new market site], but I can't discuss it for another week," said Fearrey.

ENTREPRENEURS

Golf team shop their TV series

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Two guys, two sets of golf clubs, an old RV and a guy lugging a camera.

Do I hear, "Fore!"?

Can you say, "Road trip!"?

Echo columnist Charlie Teljeur, and his friends Wayde Greer and Jason Campbell packed up an RV last September and embarked on a sunny sojourn that took them deep into the depths of a golfer's green dream.

Their awe-inspiring and definitely quirky road trip was either 28 days of heaven or hell – dependant upon the morning, the weather, daily perspective, and of course, the course.

It took them to a CART racing fan's heaven, the Brickyard Crossing, a Pete Dye designed golf course, which has four holes located within the infield of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway – can you say "Vroom-Vroom Fore!"?

And a little later it took them to the bleak, and sepiatinged hell of the Alberta Badlands – a place littered with the bleached bones of long dead velocitor raptors – and the famous Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club near the Flintstonesque metropolis of Drumheller, Alberta.

Brickyard to Boneyard.

Paradise and Hades, interspersed with some fond, hazy memories of tipsy golf carts, bad burgers, missed putts, and a scenic boat trip to a floating golf green on the Coeur D'Alene golf course located in the middle of an Idaho Lake.

Does it get any better than this for a couple of duffers?

Well, yes, as a matter of fact, it does. You see, the dynamic threesome of Teljeur, Greer and Campbell are hoping to take this idea just a little farther down the road to the tantalizing tip of another dream.

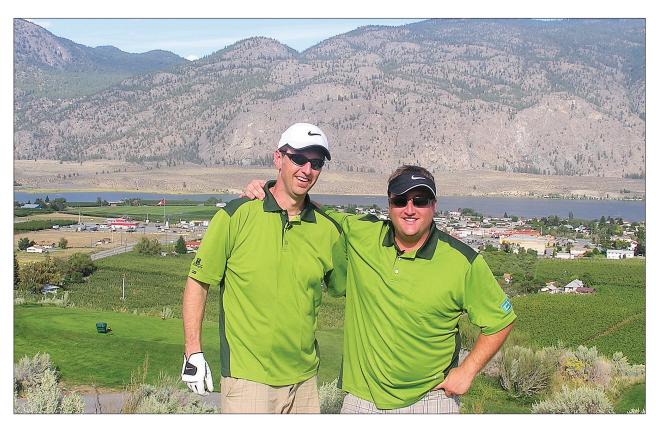
The intrepid triple-bogied tandem are in the process of selling a tight little half hour pilot of their hastily hatched golfing road trip to a selection of television networks in Canada and the United States. (They've already approached CBC, CTV (Sportsnet and TSN), Outdoors, Discovery, Global and a bevy of other networks.)

Sitting in the homey confines of McKecks restaurant, in downtown Haliburton, Teljeur, a well-travelled, multi-talented multi-tasker, slides a slick-looking video package across the table. The package contains the 30-minute pilot entitled Highways to Fairways.

It's a compilation of the 28-day road trip and deadly duel with a digital editing program, which Teljeur says took him just more than three months to complete.

All three bring their own specialized bona fides and credentials to the project.

Teljeur has a varied public background in online and print media having worked for the CBC, The Hockey



Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur signal the end of another round of golf. The highlight of their 28-day Highways to Fairways road trip may well have been the boat ride out to the beautiful floating green at the Coeur d'Alene Golf Course in Idaho.

News, and Sun Media as a writer, designer and graphic artist.

Greer is an eclectic local entrepreneur. He started the popular Mulligan Club – discount golf business – after a varied career in sales and marketing with Corus Entertainment, Patient News Publishing and Trillium College.

Campbell is a talented videographer, with a keen eye, and an artist's convivial take on golf.

They already have a short trailer of the proposed program up on YouTube, a staccato and tongue-in-cheeky burp describing the premise behind the show. Teljeur says that the YouTube trailer is all part of an intensive marketing strategy that encompasses a lot of social networking intertwined with their website located at highwaystofairways.com.

Greer insists that the secret to selling television packages in today's tight, overcrowded and seethingly competitive market is to show the three-piece pinstripers that you possess the necessary wherewithal to draw – and keep – an audience; especially important considering that the two guys selling the product also happen to be the stars of the show.

Teljeur says that the initial Highways to Fairways road trip was vital in firming up a bond between he and Greer. He says they tried scripting the first couple of shoots, but in reviewing footage shot after the first week, they found that less scripting and more spontaneity worked better for both of them.

They're proud of the finished product and also thankful to the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which helped them fund the project.

Of course, donated clubs and golf wear provided by Nike also helped. Nike came across in a big way, providing the road trippers with upscale clubs and about \$8,000 total in sponsorship equipment.

Not that the high-end equipment helped either of their games. "Neither of us are avid golfers," laughs Teljeur.

And that's precisely the point behind Highways to Fairways. This is an everyman's show, tailored not to

the Fortune 500 Lear Jet crowd, but to the legion of golfers out there who like to mix some golf with an allencompassing vacation.

"In the last couple of years I've had the opportunity to go on a number of road trips," says Teljeur. "And I don't know if you've ever been on them but they're very enticing.

"Wayde and I were sitting down in my basement and mulling over ideas, and Wayde's suggestion was, 'why can't we do a show that mixes golf and travel,'" says Teljeur. "What we're trying to do with this is we'll only play public courses. We're mixing golf with stories and fun places to visit. It has to be something that a viewer can do as well. Average guys on above-average courses."

Call it a bulwark to Mark Twain. Golf may indeed be a nice walk spoiled; but a few well-struck balls at some bucolic courses might also be the perfect tonic for a thousand miles of flickering white lines.

Call it a simple slice of niblick heaven.



Wayde Greer, with his hand in the mouth of a tyrannosaurus rex, and intrepid golf guru Charlie Teljeur take time to contemplate golf and the Paleozoic era while waiting for a tee time at Alberta's Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club located in the heart of the Badlands. /Photos submitted

Haliburton COUNTY news



Red Hawks skate halos around St. Peter's Saints

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The Hal High Hawks and St. Peters Saints solved a longstanding physics paradox last Monday evening at the old Dysart hockey arena.

We found out what really happens when an immovable object meets an irresistible force.

The irresistible force (Hawks) simply flowed flawlessly around the looming presence of the immovable object (St. Peter's Saints) in a game hung huge with implications in the overall Kawartha schoolboy shinny standings.

The still undefeated – and now 10-0-1 – Hawks beat a very talented, tightly wound, and energetic Saints team 5-1 last Monday, but they accomplished more than that.

They cemented their number one standing in the Kawarthas with just three games remaining on the schedule. And according to their head coach Ron Yake, the Hawks saved their best performance of the year for a night when pride and a season's solemn strain was on the line.

"I really think that was their best game of the year," said a clearly emotional Yake, after the game.

The Hawks were 9-0-1 and the Saints sported an 8-0-1 record heading into the game. Best game of the season,

best crowd of the season and best result of the season for the Hawks who have now beaten three of the four AAA clubs involved in the 15 team Kawartha hockey league.

On Monday night the Hawks' hard-charging and speedy front end attack put St. Peters back on their heels very early in the game. Scott Griffith took advantage of a defensive miscue just a minute and 10 seconds into the first period, placing a sneaky-quick shot past Saints' goalie Brad Sutton.

And just a minute-and-a-half later, excellent puck clearance led to an odd man rush and a well-constructed bang-bang play from Zach Boice to Ian Bottum who clicked a wrister for the first of his two goals past a sprawling Sutton. Boice extended the Hawks' lead to three with just 12 seconds left in the opening frame.

In the middle frame the Hawks and their goaltender Alex Monk Cray were forced to weather a firestorm.

The Saints hammered the Hawks throughout the second period, and the pressure finally paid dividends with just 1:10 left in the period. But just 57 seconds into the final frame, Bottum scored his second goal on a well-placed pop, and midway through the third the league's leading scorer, Ashton Haley, mopped it all up with yet another odd man rush, churned to perfection and finished solo with a high driving glove-side bullet

Bottum had a great game, leading the team in hustle and scoring with the two timely goals. Griffith and Boice both finished with a goal and two assists, Mark Vasey had two assists, while Keaton Gadway and Brandon Yake both added an assist apiece. Haley had an assist to add to that final goal, and is now alone atop the Kawartha scoring standings with 23 points (8 goals and 15 assists).

"We battled hard," said Yake. "Alex played steady in net, and the defense really worked hard to keep the puck to the outside." Part of that tremendous depth rests in the crease with goaltenders Monk Cray and Paddy Manuge.

Monk Cray said it all came down to that second period. When the Saints came out determined to erase a three goal deficit, with a punishing attack.

"Oh, yeah, my heart was going about a million miles per second," smiled Cray. "But I knew that if I made that first save my defense would clear that shot for me and that's what they did. I always tell them that if they get the pass I got the shot."

He said that with this team, this year, that kind of trust and communication is key.

"It was all a team effort tonight ... it was perfect," said Monk Cray.

Once again, the backstop puts it all in perspective.

LEGAL MATTERS

Squatting charges dropped

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Six people charged with unlawfully occupying a cottage on Kennisis Lake Road in November have had charges against them dropped.

While the group was scheduled to stand trial on Feb. 10, members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP confirmed last week that the matter had been dealt with at a Feb. 3 pre-trial.

Members of the same group had also faced shoplifting charges after taking groceries, for which they refused to pay, from Dollo's IGA on Oct. 6.

Those charges were also dropped.

Apparently led by a man named Victor Beck out of Campbellford, the group practices a philosophy it calls "spiritual economics." Under the philosophy, as children of God, all human beings are entitled to all things – food, shelter, etc. – simply because they exist.

Crown attorney Jennifer Broderick could not be reached by the Echo for comment before press time.



Dave Moss found a changed landscape on Drag Lake a few weeks ago after pressure made the ice surface heave into small tent shapes.

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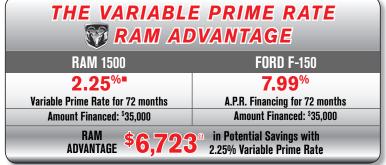
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Many skaters, such as the one above, laced up their skates to enjoy some ice time during the festivities.

FROST FEST

Residents of Haliburton County were out in full force to enjoy the many activities at this year's Frost Fest on Feb. 13. Children and adults alike took in a day of winter fun, including dogsled rides, toboganning, snowshoeing, skating, hay rides and much more. The event, which was free to everyone, was put on by the municipality and by the generosity of many sponsors. /Photos by Angelica Blenich



Snowshoe games were organized alongside Head Lake by Camp Wanakita. The games included an obstacle course for snowshoers to race through to the best of their ability while sporting the awkward footware.



Horse drawn sleigh rides took passengers around the village to soak in the picturesque scenery of Haliburton. The rides were sponsored by the Haliburton Business Improvement Area.



A thrilling ice slide was set-up and operated by the municipality for sledders, such as this one, to enjoy all day long.



Alex Therrault and his six dog team depart from the starting gate in a hurry last Sunday at the Haliburton **Highlands Dogsled** Derby. Therrault is from Maine, and just one of a full slate of visiting mushers who descended on the Haliburton Highlands and the Pinestone Resort last weekend, for the annual event organized by Haliburton's Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.

/Photos by Terrance Gavan

Dogsled Derby S S S No. 1917

Jamaican musher Damien Robb, attending his third Highlands Dog Sled Derby, is introduced to Miss Canada International 2010, Bridget Nickerson. Nickerson was in Haliburton on Sunday and Monday for the sled dog races and Family Day weekend.

Go dogs go



Iditarod-bound (in two weeks) Hank DeBruin keeps a close watch as his son Dustyn McCready-DeBruin guides his team out of the starting gate in the Youth Class race at the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby last Sunday.



Skijoring is not for the faint of heart. Just ask Natalie Fortier (Bib #27) who races her tandem German Shepherds in a sport that is gaining popularity among cross country ski enthusiasts who also own dogs.

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adelaine has a happy-go-lucky attitude and a love of fun clothes like polka dot tops and designer blue eyeglasses, and is proud to say, "I like to make up my own fashion as I go along." You'd never suspect then that Madelaine has a serious heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy - an enlarged heart.

When Madelaine was six, she was at a skating rink when all of a sudden she had trouble breathing, her heart started to beat fast and she turned blue. She was immediately taken to hospital where they treated her condition. Then, when she was seven, surgeons performed open-heart surgery to remove a blockage in the heart cavity. "I found out about the operation a week before, and it really freaked me out. My mom and I cried about it." But the operation was a success and Madelaine has been making progress ever since.

Today, she likes to play with her dog Daisy and be physically active - running, swimming and riding her bike. But she has to take frequent breaks to let her heart rest. Rigorous physical activity can actually cause her heart to become even larger than it is.

For several months now, she has been visiting schools in her area - a total of 50 so far – to tell her story. "I always point out that heart disease is not just an old person's disease - it can affect everybody. In my speech, I tell kids that they should be physically fit and eat healthy. I also thank the Heart and Stroke Foundation for everything it has done to help me and my family."

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Gooderham renames community centre

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Feb. 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

The community centre in Gooderham will soon be boasting a new name thanks to an idea thought up by Councillor Donna Graham.

At the municipality's council meeting, Graham brought forth a formal request to have the Glamorgan community centre renamed to "The Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre." The request was made to honour all of McCausland's work in the municipality during his life and time as councillor.

In a letter written to council, Graham wrote, "Bob worked very hard during his many term(s) to ensure our township had a recreation complex. He loved Glamorgan and was very dedicated to the town and its ratepayers. He wanted Glamorgan to prosper and have buildings that would accommodate the recreation needs of its community."

Council agreed with Graham that renaming the centre would benefit the community.

Petition to rescind the ban on wolf hunting passed

During his report to council, environment/property supervisor Glen Covert proposed a resolution from the township of South Algonquin to petition the MNR to rescind the ban on wolf hunting in the townships bordering Algonquin Park.

The proposed resolution states the reported incidents of human and wolf altercations have increased dramatically since the wolf hunting/trapping ban was imposed on the townships surrounding Algonquin Park, several pets have been attacked in the area and two fishermen were attacked on Bark Lake in Lyell Township.

Support for the resolution was not unanimous.

"We are in their territory," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

Other members of the municipality felt otherwise.

"I saw a wolf sitting pretty near my property the other day," said Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie.

Partridge requested the municipality take a recorded vote regarding the petition. Councillor Partridge voted against the petition, while Mackie, councillor Stoughton and Graham and Warden Burton were in favour of it. The resolution was passed.

Strategic planning develops first action plan

To address one of the critical issues facing Highlands East, the municipality has looked to economic development consultant Judy Coward to help come up with an action plan.

The first critical issue being addressed is the need to attract people to the municipality, including tourists, residents and businesses.

The action plan developed by Coward and council includes plans to maintain and create more trails, search for funding opportunities and advertise, among other things. The plan also suggests initiatives such as hosting public meetings within the municipality to further discussions on the matter.











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WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES I - Tammy Rea

Tuesday February 16th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. Learn how to use basic photo editing software, retrieve images from your camera, file formats, storage and preparing images for print documents and email. Students are to supply their own images. Limited space. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

BUSINESS PLANNING FOR WOMEN - Fay Martin

Wednesday February 17th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. This workshop will validate the strengths and values that women bring to business by taking a holistic approach to the challenge of meeting financial goals while accommodating life circumstances.

SWITCH - The Sustainable Energy People

Wednesday February 17th, 2010 - 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$10. + GST. How your rooftop can make you money: the new green energy act and your business.

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING - Kim McBrien

Tuesday February 23rd, 2010 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. Learn how to use social media tools efficiently and effectively to promote you and your business online and to expand your marketplace. Includes specific information for artists of all media and

MANAGING VOLUNTEERS - Fay Martin

Wednesday February 24th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. This workshop will focus on clear communication as the basis of good volunteer relationships. It will look at recruiting volunteers, job descriptions, interviews and feedback. It will also look at strategies for transitioning into paid work.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25th, 2010 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. 98% of people who buy art, do so because they've seen a photo of it first. Learn how to take photographs that represent you and your work at its best. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

ARTIST'S TOOLKIT - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25th, 2010 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. How to make strong presentations to galleries, calls for entries and submissions, artist statement, CV and other tools that every artist should have.

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WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES II - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 2nd, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint and web applications, using software for photo editing and more. Limited space. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

MANAGING STAFF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES - Fay Martin

Wednesday March 3rd, 2010 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Focusing on clear communication as the basis of good work relationships, this workshop will look at job descriptions, interviews, performance evaluations and feedback as a way of identifying and correcting employment problems.

QUICK BOOKS: AN OVERVIEW - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 9th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

SHAMELESS PROMOTIONS - Michael Fletcher

Wednesday March 10th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. More than 50 ways to promote your business! This lecture is for anyone who owns a business and wants to think "outside the box", you'll be saying "WOW ...why didn't I think of that!".

BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS PLAN - Lauren Forbes

Tuesday March 23° , 2010 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A hands-on workshop taking you through the steps of building a strong business plan.

PRICING FOR PROFITABILITY - Lauren Forbes

Wednesday March 24th, 2010 - 9:00am to 1:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. How to best price your products and artwork for maximum profitability.

SELLING YOUR WORK WITHOUT SELLING YOUR SOUL - Kim McBrien Wednesday March 24^{th} , 2010 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Techniques and strategies for effective sales. Focus on the retail environment, trade shows, art fairs and galleries. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca.

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 30th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring along your "burning" communication issues for discussion.

THINK ABOUT THINKING; AN INTRO. TO IMPROVED DECISION MAKING - Doug Carey

Wednesday April 7^{th} , 2010 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Using techniques defined by Dr. Edward de Bono, learn a process for effective thinking and tools to help you make better decisions and focus your efforts.

MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Tuesday April 13th, 2010 - 10:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

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Sean Carthew and Karen Frybort auctioned off a plethora of memorabilia during the Valentine's Day charity auction held last Sunday at McKecks Blue Line. /Photos by Terrance Gavan.

Haliburton Resident Honoured for 40 Year Milestone



Lynn Craigmyle, Broker with Bill Cocks, Broker of Record, Bowes & Cocks Limited, Real Estate Brokerage

Long time Haliburton area resident Lynn Craigmyle was honoured for 40 years of service with Bowes & Cocks Limited, Real Estate Brokerage, on Thursday at the Bowes & Cocks Awards Ceremony in Peterborough. When asked about his dedication to one company over the years, Lynn said "I am proud to be a part the Bowes & Cocks team, a family oriented company, well known and respected by buyers and sellers for more than 50 years"

Lynn began his real estate career with Bowes & Cocks in the Lindsay branch, then obtained his broker's license in 1972 and moved to Haliburton as manager. Lynn's career has included a term as Vice President of the Lindsay & Haliburton Real Estate Board. He was the founding President of the Haliburton Real Estate Association, and served as President for 3 years. Lynn was a School Board Trustee for 5 years, serving the last year as Board Chairman. Recently he sat on the Board of Directors of the Real Estate Council of Ontario. Lynn continues to sell and act as manager of the Haliburton area, and extends his sincere thanks to all of his clients who have had the confidence in him to support his career throughout the years.



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HHSS SPORTS

Hal High Kawartha southwest champions

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

What was it Bugs Bunny used to say? Oh right: "Th-th-th-thaaaaaaaatttt's all folks!"

And with that, "overture, curtain, lights" sentiment, the Hal High Red Hawk curling foursome of skip Jesse Walker, third, Owen Duhaime, second, Connor Cowan and lead Mike Mazara took a collective and sweeping bow last Thursday, shortly after winning the Kawartha Southwest curling championships at Fenelon Falls.

The Hawks won two and lost one last Thursday, and finished atop the Southwest Kawartha totem with a 4-1 record.

Their one loss was played without Walker, who had to road trip from Fenelon to Lindsay to join his Hal High team mates for a basketball playoff game – which they won.

He returned in time to lead his team to victory and the southwest crown in the final event of the day.

The Hawks earned the right to advance to the Kawartha playdowns on March 3-4 by virtue of a 6-5 win over St. Thomas Aquinas, a 6-4 loss to Brock (with three front end men throwing rocks) and a 6-4 win over I.E. Weldon.

Earlier this season the Hawks beat Fenelon Falls 9-2 and defeated LCVI 8-3.

Coach Tom Dibblee said that his team had to forego a shot at the finals because of scheduling conflicts which would preclude Mazara and Duhaime from competing.

Duhaime will be curling lead, representing Team Ontario in the Ontario winter games on that weekend, and Mazara is off to Huntsville for the winter games wrestling championships.

While the Red Hawks won't be competing in further high school league playdowns, they are still locked and loaded for the Gore Schoolboy Curling championships, which are being held this year at the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club on Feb 18-20.

The Red Hawks, of course, are the defending Gore Champions.



Bailey Walker stands proudly on the podium as a Silver Medalist at the OAWA Provincial Wrestling Championships. /Photo submitted

Ladies of wrestling stand proud

Red Hawk wrestlers returned to the mat last week with two tournaments. Immediately following the exam break, 11 HHSS wrestlers travelled to the University of Guelph to compete at the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association (OAWA) Provincial Championships. The women's team showed that they can wrestle with the best in the province by posting some impressive results.

In the Cadet category, Lily Coneybeare and Maia O'Sullivan earned sixth place in their respective weight categories. Bailey Walker lost only one match, returning to Haliburton as the Provincial Silver Medalist. In the Juvenile division, Nicole Mazara had her best tournament of the year. All of her matches showed grit and determination as she battled her way to a respectable fourth-place finish.

Three days after returning from the provincials, the high school team regrouped to compete at the Kawartha Wrestling Championships held in Peterborough. Coaches and athletes were amazed at how quickly the sport has grown in this region. Last year, about 160 athletes attended the Kawartha Championships. This year, over 220 athletes from 13 high schools attended the event. Competition was fierce as competitors battled to reach the podium.

Again, the Red Hawk Womens' Team performed well, placing second among Kawartha schools. Congratulations goes to this years champions Sasha White, Christianna Walker and Nicole Mazara. Twelve other HHSS wrestlers will join them as they advance to the COSSA Championships held in Lindsay on February 17.

Submitted by Paul Klose



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Hal High shredding specialist Ariah Boots nudges the gate as she powers her way down the giant slalom course at Sir Sam's last Friday. Photos by Terrance Gavan.



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Red Hawk snowboarders shred it up at Sir Sam's



Red Hawk competitor Joe Ferracuti looks down the hill for the next gate during Kawartha zone giant slalom qualifying at Sir Sam's last Friday. Hal High racers move to COSSA this Friday at Sir Sam's Ski Area here in Haliburton County.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Hal High hosts Kawartha Nordic event



Above, Red Hawk Nordic junior skier Greg Foster pushes through the flats to the rugged uphill portion of the Nordic track at Glebe Park last Thursday. At right, senior Daniel Wright displays the mental toughness that makes him such an outstanding Nordic competitor. Photos by Terrance Gavan.





RED HAWKS BASKETBALL

Senior hoops squad upset Saints in Sweet 16

Junior Hawks lose a close one in their draw

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Turns out the contentious Kawartha Sweet 16 basketball tournament that placed AA and AAA teams together in the same single-knockout playoff pool paid some 50-50 dividends for the junior and senior Hal High hoop squads last

The juniors lost their Sweet 16 gambit 35-27 to AA Cobourg West Collegiate last Thursday and will not advance to COSSA. The seniors won their game 57-49 against AAA St. Peter's from Peterborough, and they are still in the hunt, advancing to the senior Elite eight this Wednesday in Peterborough.

Senior coach Roland Zilla said that the sudden-death upset win over the St. Peter's Saints was easily the best game of the year for his young club.

"We played really awesome," said Zilla. "We were up 28-15 at half time." He said that everything was clicking to perfection including a buzzer-beating three pointer offered up by Caleb Zilla that gave them that important 13-point cushion heading to the half.

He said another key was a strong double digit scoring output from his three top forwards.

Adam van Nood had 11, Luke Watson had 10 and Andrew Elia connected for 10 in the game, which Zilla said was won by an overall team effort.

'The key thing was our foul shooting," said Zilla. "We hit 18 for 23 and for high school ball that's pretty awesome. That's what won us the game in the second half because they pushed us pretty hard and it was our foul shooting that kept us in the game, because we didn't handle the full court pressure that well, but when they fouled us, we hit the shots."

He said that the Saints full court press allowed them to close the gap but it also led to a plethora of fouls, and the fact that the Hawks were able to reply from the charity stripe formed the difference in the game.

"We just kept hitting those foul shots and we never let them get back in the game in the second half."

Of course the down side is that they now have to play the prepossessing Weldon Wildcats. The Red Hawks lost to the Wildcats 47-25 in the last game of the regular season back at the Hawks Nest on Feb. 4.

Zilla isn't expecting miracles but says that if his zone plays with the same aggressive style and the Hawks continue to hit their free throws, who knows.

After all no one expected the Hawks to beat the Saints, and the fact that both teams will be playing at a neutral Peterborough venue may put some added spin on the game.

"Our win over St. Peter's was considered a major upset in the tournament," said Zilla, who adds that his team will be travelling to Petawawa for a two day tourney this weekend.

Junior coach Paul Longo said he's mighty proud of his squad in spite of the Sweet 16 loss.

"We lost to a very good Cobourg West team by seven points," said Longo. "It was a real defensive gem and both teams were just totally matched up. It was just great we were up by two at the half and then it was back and forth in the second half and I don't think either team went up by more than four except near the end."

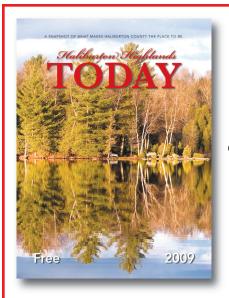
He said that down late in the fourth quarter his Hawks were forced to foul and Cobourg just kept hitting their

Damon Flatman had 19 points to lead all scorers in the contest.

"We just played great defense and I was really impressed by three Grade 9s, Tanner Ballantyne, Louis Ferracuti and Zach Cox that played really well," said Longo. "They're going to be a big part of the team next year."

This Tuesday the losing junior teams in the Sweet 16 tourney will be meeting here in Haliburton for a consolation tourney.

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Four Red Hawk wrestlers make podium

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Feb. 5

Eleven Red Hawk wrestlers competed at the Provincial Wrestling Championships at the University of Guelph. The women's team had a great tournament, with four of our athletes making it to the podium. Congratulations to Lily Coneybeare and Maia O'Sullivan on earning sixth place. Bailey Walker lost only one match to bring home the silver, while Nicole Mazara had an outstanding tournament, placing fourth in the senior division.

The senior boys' Red Hawk basketball team came back from a 10-point deficit and defeated Elmvale 60-52 in overtime. Luke Watson had 17 points and Adam van Nood and Andrew Elia each had 13 points. Earlier in the day, the Red Hawks defeated North Hastings 63-40, with Luke Watson leading all scorers with 21 points. Adam van Nood had a career high 19 points, and Andrew Elia had 10 points.

The Red Hawk Hockey team defeated the alwaystough St. Peter's Saints by a score of 5-1.

Feb. 9

The senior girls' volleyball team earned fourth place in the Kawartha-qualifying tournament with victories over Cobourg East, Campbellford, Port Hope, and St.

Feb. 10

The junior girls' volleyball team tied for third to qualify for the Kawartha Championship tournament next

The Nordic ski team had a successful day with five of six competitors placing in the top six. Top performer was Joshua Wright who placed second in a very competitive field.

The Red Hawk wrestling team had a respectable performance at the Kawartha wrestling championships with 15 of our wrestlers placing amongst the top four in their weight class and advancing to the COSSA championships next week.

Congratulations to Kawartha champions Sasha White, Christianna Walker, and Nicole Mazara.

Congratulations to the senior boys' basketball team in their huge upset win over St. Peter's High School 57-49. Adam van Nood's stellar 12 points, Luke Watson 11 points, and Caleb Zilla's three pointer at the half buzzer were keys to the game.

The junior boys' basketball team played a game for the ages against Cobourg West in Kawartha playoff action, but unfortunately four foul shots at the end of the game enabled Cobourg to post a 35-27 victory.

Congratulations to the Red Hawk curling team of Jesse, Owen, Connor, and Mike who are Kawartha Southwest champions.

'They're going to be a big part of the team next year': Longo

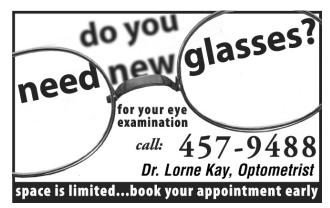
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Longo says he hopes to have all eight losing teams here and if they all do show they will continue with consolation semi-finals and finals in Peterborough on

Longo said that the consolation tourney for the losing eight teams was in part a response to the Sweet 16 format, which was a disappointment for some of the smaller AA schools who lost big to AAA schools in the first round.

"Our game was close but some of the games were just nightmares," said Longo. "Port Hope lost 67-20 and that's no way to end your season, so we've invited the seven other junior teams that got beat out on Thursday to our school for the consolation."

At this point Longo is not sure whether all eight teams will make it up here for the consolation tourney but he explains that they will run it even if they only get four teams that want to play. If they only get four or five teams they will just play a one day tourney here at the Hawks' nest.





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Art lends voice to personal history

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Lottie Ruttan is 88 years old, and when she was first introduced to a program designed to bring arts to seniors in the Highlands, she admits to being a little non-plussed.

"I didn't know what I was doing, but I enjoyed it," laughs Ruttan, during an afternoon fete, part of an art exhibition held in the Haliburton Hospital's boardroom Feb. 9.

The exhibit was in celebration of Visible Voices, a curriculum of friendship and learning aimed at connecting trained volunteers with isolated seniors through art-making.

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Lottie Ruttan, 88, left, says that when Visible Voices entered her life she knew nothing of the artistic process. Working with her coach Bailey Renshaw allowed her to put together the Family Tree, a collage of bittersweet memories and highlights of her life. More important than that she forged a new frienship with Renshaw. /Photos by Terrance Gavan

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Listening is part of healing art

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The program got its start under the good auspices and evocative flair of local artist Faye Wilkinson, who operates Creative Cocoon art studio in Eagle Lake. Wilkinson has done a lot of research on the healing and recuperative power of art and Visible Voices is her second foray into delivering arts to area seniors. Her first program, Arts RX, worked with long-term care clients at Hyland Crest and Highland Wood. Visible Voices was aimed at a large cross-section of clients over the age of 55. The program paired 13 clients with 10 volunteers over a 13-week period.

The artwork on display at the show last week included collage, watercolour, sculpting, photo displays and drawings.

The art was secondary. At its core Visible Voices sought to build strong, healing bonds between client and coach, amidst the mutually fulfilling medium of

Ruttan's art was ambitious and completed under the gentle, fluid mentoring of her coach Bailey Renshaw - who made a trip from California back to Haliburton especially for the Visible Voices art show.

Ruttan's art consisted of a large family tree, a huge collage in the form of a trunk and branches filled with important slices of her 88 years.

She says that she's very happy that she said yes to the project. "I told Marilyn [Mighton, a volunteer] that I didn't know anything about art, but I think they knew I was home alone and that I had time," says Ruttan. "There's a lot of stories on the tree; sad days and happy days; it's a tree with a lot of stories – good and bad."

But she says that along with the cathartic work came those crucial memories, flowing out with the newspaper clippings, birthday cards, pictures of her family and the photographs of her son Erik Edwards who biked across Canada in support of cancer research.

More important than all that, says Ruttan, was that lasting bond formed between coach and student.

"My coach is Bailey and she's just a great person," smiles Ruttan as she squeezes the hand of Renshaw in front of the Family Tree. "And I know I've got another friend now, and it makes me so happy."

"The program is officially over, but my hope is that we keep it going in some form," says Wilkinson. "I'm working with the arts council to see if we can get other sources of funding so that we could continue the program."

She says it's a worthy endeavour.

"We're connecting through the art making and it makes these connections very strong and very personal," says Wilkinson.



Inukshuk sculptures blend with the hands of an artist in the Visible Voices art show held last Thursday in the boardroom of the Haliburton Hospital.



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REGIONAL DIVIDE

Haliburton brand not strong enough, tourism operator says

of anger and frustration across the board. Those affected by the tourism industry feel the decision to split up the county is not in anyone's best interest.

Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast in Minden, expressed her reaction to the decision in an email sent to local business owners and politicians.

"There is concern for the county being split up after so many years of work to create an identity for the Haliburton Highlands," writes Moore.

"Others may be concerned that Algonquin Highlands will get 'lost' amid the larger, more established and powerful areas of Muskoka and Parry Sound and that the remaining three townships have absolutely nothing in common with the Ottawa Valley region."

Peter Schleifenbaum, of Haliburton Forest, believed the split was largely a result of the lack of identity the county of Haliburton had failed to create over the years.

"Having Haliburton County divided up between the Ottawa Valley and Muskoka is a reflection on our own lack of

success in creating our own brand of ings prior to the announcement as well Haliburton, which obviously in the eyes of provincial tourism managers is so insignificant, that it can be divided," wrote Schleifenbaum in an e-mail regarding

"This is an issue we need to address ourselves. It should serve as a wake-up

Schleifenbaum also argued that the regional split could be justified, when looking at it from a logistical point of view.

"Looking at the map created, in all fairness, I have to admit that Dorset and certainly the northern portions of the Township of Algonquin Highlands have more in common with the economy and tourism fabric of Muskoka and Lake of Bays than Harcourt and Cardiff," wrote Schleifenbaum.

"I believe a case for partition, as occurred, can be reasonably made."

Economic development director Bob Smith raised the issue at the Haliburton County council meeting and assured politicians that the matter was being

"I was a part of the stakeholder meet-

as a large conference call with the tourism office after the announcement of the regions," said Smith.

"Unfortunately Haliburton County wasn't the only area affected and dissatisfied with the announcement. I was told the boundaries would not be changing."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey proceeded to ask Smith what the province's rationale for the split was.

"What does this mean," asked Fearrey. "Will we get twice the funding?"

Smith said he did not know how the province was going to proceed with funding or marketing.

Fearrey then told those in attendance he feared the county would be held responsible for this decision.

"Right now there seems to be a blame game going on," said Fearrey. "We're getting emails saying this is our fault. I need to know in my heart if we could have prevented this."

"We were at the stakeholders meeting," said Smith. "We were at the table." "But you obviously didn't have mean-

ingful input," replied Minden Reeve Jim

"If it was just Haliburton that was upset we would be in a better position," said Smith.

Proposed alternatives to the current regions include lining Haliburton County

up with its historical allies.
"As most of you are aware, Mr. Sorbara was requested by the province in 2008 to examine the tourism sector within Ontario," said Smith.

"His report was released in February of 2009 and had Haliburton County as an entity placed in what was described as region seven, which included our traditional marketing partners of City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and the counties of Peterborough, Northumber-

Smith believed this grouping was in the county's best interest and informed council that Warden Dave Burton would be addressing the issue at the Good Roads Association meeting on Feb. 21.

"I will be preparing briefing notes for the warden for this meeting," said Smith. "Hopefully we can put some pressure on the minister."

Fearrey continued with his thought that residents of the county needed to be aware of how they were acting on this

"We need to get this out there," said Fearrey. "I don't think this split is understood."



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Public speaking winners announced

BRIAN HAMBLY

Youth education chairperson, RCL branch 129

On Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. the Haliburton Legion branch 129 hosted its annual public speaking contest. This contest is open to all boys and girls from Grade

Participation this year was an improvement over last year, but we still have a long way to go in encouraging students to speak in public. Some may feel that in today's digital society oral communication is a thing of the past. Of course it is not, and never will be. If anything, those who have the ability to communicate verbally and show self-confidence, are going to stand out more and more, and prove to have a skill sought after by many of our top companies.

Students from Stuart Baker Elementary School and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School did a good job of representing their schools, and the first place winners will now go on to the next level of competition, to be held in Brechin at the end of March.

One must ask why senior students do not participate in public speaking. Surely at a time when they are about to enter university or college and when many are about to enter the workforce, the ability to present one's self properly at a job interview must go a long way to securing a good job.

Our audience enjoyed the afternoon and each speaker is to be commended for his or her excellent work, both in the preparation and presentation of their speech.

Thanks go to all those teachers and parents who encouraged their children to participate and helped them prepare their speeches. We also wish to thank our judges for taking the time to talk to the students with advice on how to better present a speech in the

Our judges were John Skinner, Jerelyn Craden, Barry Willhelm and Marina Thomazo. Thanks again for a job well done.

None of this would be possible without the help of several Legion helpers. Thanks go to Paul Sisson, Chris and Wilf Guenette, Billy and Ed Pickard, Ethel Galvin and Mary Hambly.

Below is a list of the results in each category.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 Division - Stuart Baker School. (3-5) minute speech.

Speakers included: Alex Taylor, Jocelyn Bretzlaff, Alexandra Tait, Jurgen Shantz.

The winners were:-1st- Jocelyn Bretzlaff, 2nd- Jurgen Shantz 3rd- Alexandra Tait.

Honourable mention: Alex Taylor

Grades 4, 5 and 6 Division - J D Hodgson School. (3-5) minute speech.

Speakers included: Joey Davis, Victoria Hawley, Colt Taylor, Christine Bishop, Julie McEathron

The Winners were:

1st -Christine Bishop 2nd - Victoria Hawley 3rd -

Honourable mention: Joey Davis, Julie McEathron Grades 7, 8 and 9 Division J D Hodgson School - (3 - 5) minute speech.

Speaker: Sam Tyler

The Winner was:- 1st - Sam Tyler

The first place speakers from the primary, junior

PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS - 2010

PRIMARY DIVISION - Grades 1-3

NAME OF SPEAKER NAME OF TOPIC **PLACEMENT JOCELYN BRETZLAFF** Loch Ness Monster 1st JURGEN SHANTZ Calvin & Hobbs 2nd ALEXANDRA TAIT My three horses 3rd

JUNIOR DIVISION Grades 4 - 6

NAME OF SPEAKER NAME OF TOPIC CHRISTINE BISHOP Robert Munsch VICTORIA HAWLEY Craig Keilburger **COLT TAYLOR** Residential schools

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Grades 7-9

NAME OF SPEAKER NAME OF TOPIC **PLACEMENT** SAM TYLER Dreams of driving

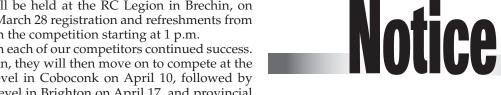
SENIOR Grades 10 - 12 NO ENTRIES

and intermediate groups will advance to the zone level competition.

This will be held at the RC Legion in Brechin, on Sunday, March 28 registration and refreshments from noon with the competition starting at 1 p.m.

We wish each of our competitors continued success. If they win, they will then move on to compete at the district level in Coboconk on April 10, followed by the area level in Brighton on April 17, and provincial level in Kapuskasing on May 1.

Congratulations to all our winners. They will receive their trophies and prizes at the youth awards night to be held in April, date to be announced.



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The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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NOVICE STORM

Highland Storm win three games straight

SHANNON WALKER

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In their first playoff round against Lindsay, Highland Storm won three games straight.

Game one was a bit of a struggle but we came out with a 5-4 win. Game two we dominated and won 4-0. Game three showed what a strong team the kids are winning 8-1.

Excellent goaltending by Carson Sisson who couldn't have done it without the help of all his teammates who have all played hard this whole season.

We have started our second round

against Gananoque playing our first game in Haliburton last Saturday evening though we lost 2-1, the kids played hard and fought all the way through the game.

Our second game was played last Sunday in Minden, the kids came out and showed complete domination winning 3-0 keeping most of the game in Gananoque's end.

This weekend Feb. 13 and 14 we will be heading to Gananoque and hoping for victory.

We want to thank all the fans for coming out and supporting the players if there is a game five it will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in Minden.

ATOM AE

Storm dominate, win game 7-2

KARENA CROFTS

Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

This Saturday, Feb. 13 the Atom AEs travelled to Newcastle for their second game of the series. The Storm boys once again dominated the play, but starting in the first period for a change, with two goals: one by Alex Wilbee, assisted by Greg Crofts and the other goal by Greg Crofts assisted by Ryan Prentice.

The boys kept up the scoring with two more goals in the second period, another one by Alex Wilbee, assists to Carter O'Neill and Ryan Prentice, then a goal by Jack Dobie, assisted by Carter O'Neill.

After the flood, the Storm continued to dominate with three more goals, two by Greg Crofts, giving him a Hat trick, one by Owen Smith, assists going Trevor Turner and Carter O'Neill.

Newcastle did get two goals in the

third as well, but the win went to the Storm 7-2.

The third game on Sunday, Feb. 14 was a totally different game with the Stars playing hard and the Storm not quite in

The Storm managed to get on the board in the second period with a goal by Jack Dobie, with assists to Owen Smith and Jake Bull.

This would be our only goal and the Stars managed three more despite a tremendous effort by goalie Anthony Bertucca. One of these goals was an open net goal. The Storm lost 3-1 and will return to Newcastle Saturday, Feb. 20 for another 6 p.m. game.

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Atom As who won their semi-finals in three games against Ennismore. At the time of this article it is unknown how the Highland Storm Novices did after losing their game Saturday against Gananoque.

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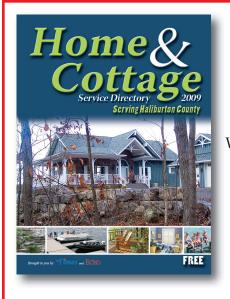


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- February 19: Shepherd's Table Community Supper Join us at the Lakeside Baptist Church at 5:30 pm for a free, hot and nurtitious meal to help you stretch your grocery dollars. Please R.S.V.P 457-2851.
- February 20: Valentine Musical Evening at Maple Lake United Church Come one, come all! Join us at 7 pm for a wonderful evening of music and singing at the Maple Lake United Church, located at the corner of Hwy 118

and Stanhope Airport Road. Free will offering and refreshments after.

- February 20: Annual Heritage Day at the Buckhorn Community Centre This is a family fun day, run entirely by volunteers, with exhibitions and displays from local groups and individuals. We are celebrating the history of the area as well as howcasing the countries origin of existing local residents through an International food court, and a visit from special guest, our Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield. Admission is free however there will be opportunities for doantions as this is a fundraising event for our new Buckhorn Sports Pad.
- February 22: Climbing Club Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 – 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 - 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or email donnaa@pointintime.ca
- February 23: Volunteer Tax Preparers Onsite at the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129 from 9:30 -11:00 - After February 23rd, Tiia will be at the Legion on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can call Tiia at 705-447-2462. Please note the last day to bring in your return is April 18th.
- February 24:Volunteer Tax Preparers Onsite at the Royal Canadian Legion Wilberforce Branch from 1:00 to 3:00 pm – Marlene will be at the Legion every Wednesday until April 19th. You can call Marlene at 705-448-2266.

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Men's breakfast hears from Bev Hicks

community news-

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper **754-2278**

Feb. 13 was a busy Saturday at the Baptist church in Guilford. Bev Hicks of Northland Faith Church was speaker for the men's breakfast. His talk was informative and humorous for the 35 men in attendance. Later on, the youth group cooked and served a spaghetti dinner with a heart shaped cake to top off the meal. Games and prizes completed the Valentine's Day theme for the event.

Maple Lake United Church is hosting a post-Valentine's Day event on Feb. 20.

Musical numbers from local residents make this annual event really entertaining. My clarinet accompaniment to Hazel Dorman's singing last year was more amusing than was intended by the performers. Every mistake we made brought on more gales of laughter, but we finally accomplished our unique rendition of "Memory" from *Cats* anyway.

It seems that the criterion is enjoyment rather than perfection, but come and see for yourself. We may get it right this year!

Euchre from last Tuesday: high score, Norma Geddis and Gerald Hadley; low, Ginny Muenzel and Ron Bain; most lone hands, Colleen Davison and Hank van Nood. No black and white specials this time.



Skaters thankful for new stereo at arena

community news -

wilberforce

Hilda Clark ____ **448-2018**

Sometimes without any fanfare, needs are quietly met. It seems that the old stereo player at the arena here in Wilberforce often skipped a lot. Jodi Rupnow and Barb Davies were wondering how they were going to provide proper music for the figure skating carnival taking place on Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m. The next week there was a brand new stereo at the arena all ready to go! It turns out Rick Huffman had heard the ladies talking. He used some of the Fred Agnew Hockey Tournament money to purchase the new stereo and had it all hooked up! Thanks so much, Rick, for simply getting the job done.

By the way, this year's Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament is on this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday Feb. 20 and 21 at our arena. Drop in and enjoy some hockey. Proceeds all go to support hockey and to make improvements at the arena which is an important spot especially for children and youth in this community.

Also a reminder that Matt Duchene will be at the LWMC just across the street from the arena on Sunday February 21 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for an autograph/picture session. All in support of minor hockey in this area.

The Hearts For Haiti fundraising event at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, was an enjoyable experience. Led by Rev. Patsy Henry with its theme of love and sharing, the program kicked off with some hearty singing by everyone of "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" and "Jesus Loves The Little Children" The play *The Good Samaritan* continued the theme with two young stars Emilee and Autumn leading the cast.

The girls returned later with their poem "Roses Are Red." Richard Moritz added greatly to the program playing guitar and singing two love songs.

Scripture, prayer and hymns all carried the message of reaching out, caring for others, friends or strangers such as the people of Haiti. One cannot pass by on the other side of the road or enjoy a pleasant meal together and ignore those in need of help. So on this Sunday afternoon did their share and were good Samaritans.

There was serious curling. There was

fun. There were surprises. The women, about 40 of them, certainly provided some keen competition for each other while participating in three games of curling as 10 teams took part in the annual Ladies Valentine Bonspiel competing for the Don Fevreau Memorial Trophy.

Most of the players were from this area or had connections with the club.

That included two teams that Don's daughter Donna entered in the 'spiel from the Newmarket area with Karen from Oakville and Denise whose family cottage is in Harcourt Park.

Winning the bonspiel with 44 points was the team of Jan Dahms, Laura Casey, Tracey Green and Sandra Nicholson. The Tammy Vaughan team of Joann Bugg, Ashley Barragar and Tanya Vaughan with 38.25 points. Hot on their heels were three more teams. The Melannie Lewis, Nancy Gadway, Lori Drew and Karin Guyton foursome in the final round edged into third place with 36.75 points. In fourth place with 35.25 points were Lisa Donaldson, Andrea Donaldson, Brenda Fearrey and Kristy Smith. And the always competitive Angie Jeans' team of Geri Waugh. Nadia Martinique and Harry (Marielaine) Mackie chalked up 34 points to place fifth.

The members of the other teams also made some good plays,had some fine ends and seemed have a fun time. They were Lynn Waugh's team of Jackie Dempster, Sheri Siebarth and Roberta Logan; Ashley Siebarth's team of Leigha Johnson, Dee Robichaud and Sam Osborn; Cindy Baumhour's team of Lisa Lewis, Danielle Bogar and Andrea Hillo: Donna Fevreau with Maureen Mulcahy, Debbie Johanson and Linda Evans and the Denise Evans team of Cheryl English, Karen Afheldt with support from Emily Sands and Taylor Sands.

A number of the participants do not curl regularly and are to be lauded for taking part in this tournament Trying out the game in a friendly bonspiel is often the first step towards playing in regular leagues as time and finances allow.

All of the teams received prizes. All were pleased to dine together on a fine roast beef dinner in a club house and tables beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Congratulations to all the participants and to the organizers which included Tammy Vaughan, Doug Stephen and many other volunteers. Appreciation is extended to all the sponsors. A special thanks to Sally Stirling for her excellent work as scorekeeper.

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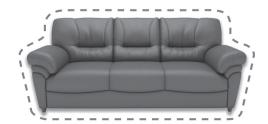
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A special thanks to Haliburton Paramedics and Fire. Nathan Petrini and the other man and lady who helped myself and Moka by keeping us warm and calm and contacting my family.

Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

Ashley Thibadeau

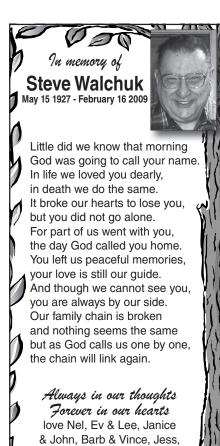
In memoriam







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Alex, Stephen, Lisa, Shaun,

Jenny Andrea and Wesley

In loving memory of my dear wife

Sandra Johnston

who passed away February 22, 2009

The years may come
The years may go
One thing my love
You should know
I loved you then
I love you now

It remains in my heart
As it did from the start
your little smile and your laugh
I will remember to the last
Until we meet again
Always loved and
never forgotten, Jack



In loving memory of my wonderful mom Sandra Johnston

who passed away February 22, 2009
The love you gave, and the memories you

made echo in my heart
every day!

every day!
I love you "bigger than the sky" Mom,
Love Peg



Thinking about prepaying your funeral wishes?



The longer you wait, the more tax you will pay.

Recent changes in Ontario's tax structure will add an eight percent tax to funeral arrangements effective July 1st, 2010. The good news is you can avoid this increase if arrangements are prepaid before the effective date.

Prearrangement can offer peace of mind to you, and can spare your family from all of the hard decisions that need to be made at an often difficult and emotional time.

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STORMY LAKE

4 bdrm quality built timberframe cottage/home. Private lot, mature trees, 160 ft ftge. West exposure. Maple firs, cherry staircase, lg picture windows, full finished bsmt, 2 storey Bunkie. \$729,000



HORSESHOE LAKE

4 bedroom waterfront cottage or home. Cathedral ceilings, large picture windows overlooking lake. Screen porch, efficient kitchen with wood cabinetry. Full finished basement, 3 baths, double garage. Gorgeous sand shoreline, close to Minden and the "White Water Rapids". \$509,000



4 unit apartment building located between Haliburton and Minden. 3 units are 1 bedroom, 4th unit is a 2 storey with 3 bedrooms. All units are self contained with many upgrades. Excellent books, units are easily rented. The grounds are immaculate with beautiful gardens, paved driveway and easy access of highway. \$309,000



Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home 5 minutes from Haliburton. 3 baths, main flr Indry, "Florida Room", Ig family room, sewers, drilled well, paved drive, att'd dbl car garage. Nicely treed, private lot. \$269,000



Custom built home to be built by reputable builder. Plans in RE/MAX office. Custom kitchen, ceramic and carpet flooring, master bedroom ensuite, colonial doors, maybec siding and cultured stone, high efficiency propane heat and HWT. \$299,000.



WALK TO TOWN

Stone and brick home, Ideal location for a contractor or home business. Large driveway and parking area, heated dble att'd garage with workshop area, neated one art o garage with workshop, plus additional single att'd garage. Several storage buildings. 2 plus 1 bedroom, 5 baths, 2 offices, woodstove, fireplace, FAO heat. Cozy home! \$239,900.



3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size. Property size is 2 lots in total call for details. \$224,900



PERCY LAKE

Nicely treed waterfront lot. Clean rock and sand shoreline. Pretty south facing view, driveway in and building site cleared. Year round road, hydro and telephone available. 107 ft ftge. \$199,900



GROWLER LAKE

Waterfront Lots & Acreages – 1.13, 1.14, 1.38, 1.55, 10.23 and 47.64 acres in size. Plenty to choose from. Great swimming, nice deep lake ideal for fishing. The area is known for its beauty and wilderness. Prices Range from \$175,000. To \$195,000. Gst applicable



IRONDALE

110 acre hunt camp or wilderness retreat, small lake, Trails throughout property. 600 sq ft cabin with hydro. Year round road. \$165,000



2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage \$149,000



HALIBURTON HOME

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees. Huge garage and shed. Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace. \$139,900.



HIGHWAY 118

Nice, bright and clean 3 bedroom home. Many upgrades, modern eat in kitchen, full basement some finishing needed but 4th bdrm, recroom and office are set up. Some finishing needed. Double detached garage, pretty lot, year round road. Affordable, well maintained starter, retirement or family home.

\$139,900



GOODERHAM **GENERAL STORE**

Commercial building with living quarters. Ideal location to run your own business. Large store front with good ercial space at the back along with an apartment. Selling land and building. \$84,900.



SUNNYSIDE ST.

In-town lot, nicely treed, walk to all amenities. Build your dream home on this great lot! \$45,000.



BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD

2.39 acre building lot. Directly across to the public access to the lake. Mature hardwoods, level lot, last lot on township road, hydro and phone to lot. Close to ski hill, snowmobile & ATV trails. \$37,000



VACANT LAND

Fader Road. Nicely treed vacant lot with deeded access to Maple Lake. Located on a private year round road with hydro and telephone available. \$22,000



SIR SAM'S SKI AREA

North Road. Nicely treed lot close to the ski hill. Hydro and telephone available. Located in an area of newer homes. \$19,900

IF YOUR HOME IS SPECIAL



COUMBS ROAD

Nicely treed 1.4 acre building lot. Year round road, driveway roughed in and building site started to be cleared. Great lot to build your home. \$19,000.

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